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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for frozen toms steady to barely steady, frozen hens steady to fully steady with premiums requested for 8-12 lbs. Most trading reported for fill in basis. Processors continue to work on deliveries of Thanksgiving retail items. Supplies of fresh hens and toms light to adequate. Trading and demand light with a limited call for bulk parts, meats and rib breasts.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading slow. Limited interest noted from Mexico for frozen thigh meat, drums and mechanically separated turkey.



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FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	76-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76.5-80	76.5-78	77.50	60	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	79	79.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	74	74.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	72.25	72.25	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-75	74	74.00	80	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 NOVEMBER 1999 .

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on thigh meat with some buyers finding limited frozen availability while others are cautious about it's strength. Undertone steady at best on tom breast meat with most sellers attempting to maintain a floor in the low 140's. Demand light to fair. Offerings of tom breast meat available and thigh meat spotty. Some industry members noting increased competition from Brazil for export into the Caribbean on bulk parts resulting in a slower demand. Offerings of bulk parts light to adequate. For export: fresh thigh meat (1 load) 66 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	108.00		108.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	33.00		33.00	28
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	27.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	31.00		31.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	29.00		29.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.60	50
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	137.33	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	144.00		144.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	62.00	8
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	64.00	242
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	106.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT		M	65.00	40
TENDERLOINS	125.00		125.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	51.00	8
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	29.00	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	30.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	27.00	156
TAILS		F	13.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	248
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.50		63.50	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	103-104
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	103-104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-82

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 NOVEMBER 1999.

Undertone steady to firm on 4-8 lb. rib breasts, 10 lb. and heavier sizes barely steady to weak. Demand on 4-8 lb. breasts continues to exceed the limited availability. Some buyer resistance noted on 4-8 lb. breasts while others are willing to pay the price for holiday fill-in needs. Institutional breast demand light for the readily available offerings. Inquiry slow to fair on bulk parts and meats with light trading noted. Even though offerings of some items maybe more available, most sellers continue to emphasize deliveries of Thanksgiving retail items.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	108.00-110.00		109.25	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	108.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00-30.00		29.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		T	33.00	28
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	28.00		28.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	31.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	29.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	65.00-66.00		65.67	120
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	3
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	137.33	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	140.50-143.00		141.33	120
THIGH MEAT	62.00		62.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	64.00	242
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	106.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT		M	65.00	40
TENDERLOINS		T	125.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	52.00		52.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00-21.00		20.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	21.00	40

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 11/17/99

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	HEAVY	ACCUMULATED	ALL BREEDS
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000	-	99,562	99,912
1998-1999	22,370	195,661	196,011

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